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In re Application of  
Laurent6 Masaro, et al.  
Application No. 10/500,856  
Filed: May 24, 2005  
Attorney Docket No. 14725-8US

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: DECISION DISMISSING PETITION  
: UNDER 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2)  
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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2), filed September 2, 2009, to withdraw the above-identified application from issue after payment of the issue fee.

The petition is **DISMISSED AS MOOT**.

Unfortunately, the petition was not referred to the appropriate deciding official for decision until after the issuance of this application into a patent. However, petitioner's attention is directed to 37 CFR 1.313(d), which states:

A petition under this section will not be effective to withdraw the application from issue unless it is actually received and granted by the appropriate officials **before the date of issue**. (Emphasis added)

In this case, the petition was not received in the Office of Petitions for consideration until September 21, 2009 at 4:21 pm. Therefore, as the case has now issued, the petition to withdraw from issue cannot be granted.

The request for continued examination (RCE) filed concurrently with the petition is improper in view of the issuance of this application into a patent and will not be processed. Accordingly, the \$810 filing fee and the \$130 petition fee submitted are unnecessary and will be refunded in due course.

The Information Disclosure Statement has been made of record in the file of the above-identified application without further consideration. *See* 37 CFR 1.97(i).

Petitioner is advised, that while petitions to withdraw from issue may be electronically filed to the Commissioner for Patents, as was done in this case, applicants were cautioned to hand carry, electronically filed and followed up with a phone call to the Office or fax petitions to withdraw from issue directly to the Office of Petitions. *See* MPEP § 1308.

Telephone inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to undersigned at (571) 272-1642.

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